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Dear Mr German

Re: Aveling & Porter Building, Civic Centre, Strood, Rochester, Kent ME2 4AU

I refer to your letter dated 27 June concerning an application to list the above building.

The Council takes the view that this is a late Victorian/Edwardian office building, which is not particularly unusual or noteworthy. Whist the building is not unattractive, there is nothing unusual in its layout or construction to distinguish it from the many other office buildings of the era.

The interior has been substantially altered over the years and it currently comprises predominantly inefficient office accommodation. It is not therefore particularly original and overall it lacks sufficient architectural or historic interest to merit being listed.

It is acknowledged that the building has some local historic interest, as it was once the headquarters of Aveling and Porter- a steam engine manufacturer, which exported its goods all over the world. However this fact is of local interest and does not add national significance to the building.

I understand that you are likely to be researching the history of the building and may carry out an inspection before you submit your advice to the Secretary of State.

If you would like any further information or would like to inspect the building please do not hesitate to contact Michael Frankish at this office on 01634-332310.

Yours sincerely

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